(d) the suitable available candidates are nominated for training courses abroad.

Funds on Account of Natural Calamities

4903. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no funds available with the Collector, Sambalpur (Orissa) on account of natural calamities as reported in "Samaj" dated the 7th April, 2000;

(b) whether any monitoring is being conducted in respect of above fund from time to time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concern ed to undertake necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing resources in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Commissions appointed from time to time. No report in this regard has been received from the Government of Orissa.

Production of Pearls in the country

4904. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of production of pearls from our coastal centres;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to identify pearl-prone areas in the country;

(c) if so, what are the areas identified;

(d) whether Government have studied any proposal in developing Tuticorin as a pearl fetching center; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Approximately 3 kgs. of pearls are produced every year through culture activities at Mandapam and Tuticorin.